

## **Deborah Elisabeth Brooks, 76**

Deborah Elisabeth Brooks, 76, of Marshfield, passed peacefully on Jan. 18, 2017. Deb was born on Aug. 22, 1940, the beloved daughter of the late John and Lillian Brooks. She grew up on a small dairy farm in Hanover.

After graduating from Hanover High School and Bridgewater State College, Deb enjoyed a long career at Duxbury High School, first as a field hockey coach (her teams won many championships) and then as the athletic director. She was the first female athletic director at Duxbury and took great joy in the accomplishments of her coaches and athletes. In 1994, she was selected "District C Athletic Director of the Year."

Deb liked to travel, driving across country twice. She also visited England, Scotland, Portugal and Italy. She was an enthusiastic supporter of Boston sports teams, especially the Red Sox. She loved her Marshfield home near the ocean and her kittens, but her passion was playing golf and she was the women's tournament coordinator at Pembroke Country Club. She also volunteered at the Marshfield Council on Aging. Deb enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her nieces and nephews, all of whom she treated to a trip to Disney World.

Deb is survived by her sisters: Nancy Lancaster, Judith Salzberg and Marion and her husband Alan Gonsalves; her nieces and nephews: Neil, Gail and Paul Lancaster, Lois Concannon, John, Donna and Richard Salzberg, David, Brian, Rachel and Amy Gonsalves; and several grand nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a very special friend, Alice Shire. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Priscilla Brooks.

At Deb's request, services will be private.